

Frequently asked questions about our open challenges

Firstly I'd like to thank you for all the interest in our first open Northumberland Six Peaks Challenge.

We've had a few questions, we had planned on posting more information in due course but as there is so much interest we've decided to put the information below to help everyone decide whether this event is for you.

1. Are dogs allowed? Unfortunately dogs are not allowed on the open event due to being in mixed groups. If you'd like to bring dogs you can book this challenge for a private group, please see our website for prices and then email or message us for dates.
2. How many places are there? As this is our first set of open challenge we will be limiting the places to 25 people and a number of these places have already been taken so please book early to avoid disappointment.
3. Can this event be run any other time? If you can't make this date please send us a message to discuss other dates and please check our website for prices for private bookings.
4. When do I need to book by? At the moment the cut off time to book your place on these challenges are the 30th April however once all places are taken the events will be closed and as stated above some of the places have already been taken.
5. Are there any cut off times? At the moment there are no cut off times in place for the day however this will change as we get closer to the challenge and you will find these out with route information soon. The challenge will start around 7am giving you the best chance of completing the challenge.
6. Do I need to know how to use a map and compass? No, each group will be guided by a qualified and experienced mountain leader.
7. Can I run the route? This is a walking only event and there is no option at the moment to run on the event.
8. How fit do I need to be? Please remember this is a challenge and a high level of fitness is needed and the route is challenging, this is by no means an easy day on the hill and a high level of fitness is required.
9. Is there an age limit? Yes you must be over 18 to join this event.
10. What distance will we walk? The route we have planned is just over 20 miles however this will depend on the fitness of the group and conditions at the time and also the weather leading up to the event, there is a lot of boggy ground in the Cheviots and some of the route and peaks might have to change to avoid this and for us to be able to carry out the challenge safely.
11. What are the Northumberland Six Peaks? Northumberland has many peaks (hills) dotted around the Northumberland National Park and our main aim is to take in the highest hill in Northumberland (The Cheviot) we'd also like to take in the second highest peak (Hedgehope) however weather conditions and group fitness will dictate whether this is possible (please remember you will be in groups in this challenge and it is not only about your fitness but also other members of the group), If this is the case we have other Peaks planned and an alternative route in place so we can still complete the six peaks challenge.

Just another note to add - please remember this is an outdoor challenge and the weather/conditions can have an effect on what we are able to do on the day. If the weather creates dangerous walking conditions or the clothing that you have on is not suitable we may have to change the route and all six peaks may not be possible. However, we will do whatever we can to avoid this situation and get everyone around as much of the route in a safe as possible manner, we will also provide a Kit List two months before the event.

If you have any more questions please let us know and we'll be happy to help in any way we can.

Thanks again and I look forward to hopefully meeting a lot of you in June.